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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SCHAUFLELE

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TAGS:PFOR, UV, IV, AO

SUBJECT: UPPER VOLTA REPORTED WAVERING ON MPLA RECOGNITION  
QUESTION

1. WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE RELIABLE SOURCE, REPORTED ON JANUARY 18 THAT SIERRA LEONE AND UPPER VOLTA WOULD SHORTLY BE RECOGNIZING MPLA. AS A RESULT, THERE WOULD BE MAJORITY OF STATES IN FAVOR OF RECOGNITION WHEN OAU FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET IN FEBRUARY.
2. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HOLD THE LINE AGAINST FURTHER RECOGNITIONS IN THIS PERIOD BEFORE THE OAU CONFERENCE. OUR TASK WILL INEVITABLY BE MADE MORE DIFFICULT BY WHAT WE EXPECT TO BE CONTINUING BAD NEWS ON THE MILITARY FRONT IN ANGOLA FOLLOWING SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL.
3. YOU SHOULD TRY AND SEE HOUPHOUET BOIGNY OR HIGHEST AVAILABLE OFFICIAL, TRANSMIT INFORMATION WHICH WE HAVE  
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RECEIVED, AND ASK WHAT IVORY COAST'S APPRECIATION IS

OF ATTITUDE IN UPPER VOLTA. UNLESS IVORY COAST OFFICIALS  
ARE CATEGORIC IN BELIEF UPPER VOLTANS WILL HOLD THE  
LINE, YOU SHOULD ENCOURAGE HOUPHOUET TO STIFFEN  
PRESIDENT LAMIZANA'S BACK BY LETTER OR SOME OTHER FORM  
OF COMMUNICATION. SISCO

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